

BRIDGE Day 4
Independent Practice
Quadratic expressions

1 Simplify

a) $(4 + x)(4 - x)$

b) $(4 + \sqrt{x})(4 - \sqrt{x})$

c) $(2 + \sqrt{x+4})(2 - \sqrt{x+4})$

d) $(\sqrt{x+5} + \sqrt{x+4})(\sqrt{x+5} - \sqrt{x+4})$

2 Factorise

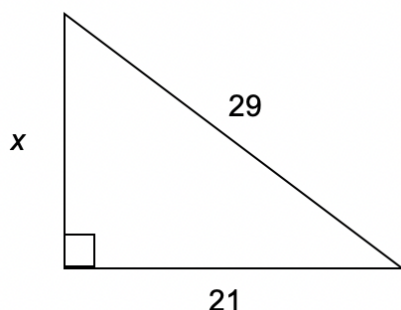
a) $81 - x^2$

b) $81 - 16x^4$

c) $81x^2 - 16x^4$

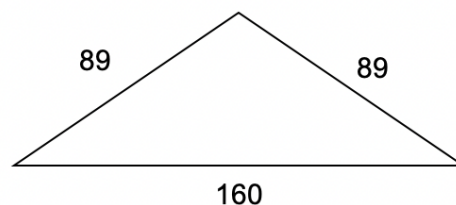
3 Work out (no calculators):

a)



b)

The area of



4 Complete the square in

a) $x^2 + 8x + 2$

b) $x^2 + x$

c) $x^4 + x^2 + 2$

5 Complete the square, then factorise as the difference of two squares

a) $x^2 + 6x - 7$

b) $x^2 + 6x - 3$

c) $x + \frac{6}{x} + 2$

6 Factorise

a) $x^2 + x - 20$

b) $x^4 + x^2 - 20$

b) $12x^2 + x - 20$

c) $12x^2 - 43xy - 20y^2$

7 Simplify

a) $\frac{x^2+x}{x}$

b) $\frac{x^2+x}{x^2-x}$

c) $\frac{x^2+x-2}{2x-2}$

d) $\frac{x+\sqrt{x}-2}{2x-2}$

8 How many **different** factorisations are there of the form $(ax + b)(cx + d)$ where a , b , c , d are all integers that, when expanded, simplify to



a) $x^2 + Mx + 7$

M is an integer

b) $15x^2 + Nx + 16$

N is an integer